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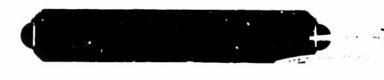
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PART A

SYNOPSIS

- l. This is the final report on the gunfire qualification test of the Model HRS-2 and -3 Helicopter self sealing fuel cell installation conducted under TED No. NPG AE6603, initiated and authorized by Bureau of Aeronautics ltr Aer-AE-664 of 30 October 1952.
- 2. This test was conducted for the purpose of determining the following factors relating to the subject fuel cell installation:
- a. Whether the self sealing performance of the fuel cells and the integrity of the cell plies, seams, and joints could satisfactorily conform to the requirements established by paragraph 4.3.2.2.3.6 of Kilitary Specification KIL-T-5578A when subjected to an attack with .30 caliber ball and .50 caliber armor piercing projectiles and fragments from a detonated 40mm HEP projectile.
- b. Whether the supporting structure for the fuel cells could catisfactorily resist excessive structural damage in accordance with the requirements established by paragraph D-12(b) of Navy Aeronautical Specification SR-112A as a result of the hydraulic surge of fuel incident to projectile and fragment impacts.
- 3 Seven (7) .30 caliber ball and two (2) .50 caliber armor piercing projectiles were fired into the installation producing a total of twenty-three (23) wounds, one (1) of which was above the fuel level and was discounted. Twenty-one (21) of the twenty-two (22) qualifying wounds sealed satisfactorily.

As an additional phase of the test, the purpose of which was to obtain fragmentation data, one (1) 40mm HEP projectile was statically detonated 24 inches from the outside of the installation. Upon impact of the fragments, the installation caught fire and suffered extensive damage before the fire fighting crews could extinguish the fire.

When the installation was disassembled for inspection, the damage was of such a severe nature that it was impossible to identify the total number of fragment wounds in the fuel cells.

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The hydraulic surge of fuel incident to projectile and fragment impacts resulted in minor damage to the surrounding and supporting structure. The damage inflicted would not in any way endanger the airworthiness or structural integrity of the helicopter.

4. It is concluded that:

a. Twenty-one (21) of the twenty-two (22) qualifying wounds sealed satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements established by paragraph 4.3.2.2.3.6 of Hilitary Specification MIL-T-557%.

b. The structural performance of the Model HRS-2 and -3 helicopter self sealing fuel cell installation satisfactorily conformed to the requirements established by paragraph D-12(b) of Navy Aeronautical Specification SR-112A.

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PART B

INTRODUCTION

1. AUTHORITY:

This test was conducted under TED No. NPG AE6603, initiated and authorized by reference (a) which directed the gunfire test of the Model HRS-2 and -3 helicopter self sealing fuel cell installation.

2. REFERENCES:

- a. Bureau of Aeronautics ltr Aer-AE-664 of 30 Oct 1952
- b. Kilitary Specification MIL-T-5578A
- c. Navy Aeronautical Specification SR-112A

3. BACKGROUND:

The Sikorsky Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corporation submitted to the Naval Proving Ground for final qualification gunfire test, the forward section of the Model HRS-2 and +3 helicopter self sealing fuel cell installation incorporating five (5) Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company fuel cells.

4. OBJECT OF TEST:

As requested by reference (a), this test was conducted for the purpose of determining the following factors relating to the subject fuel cell installation:

- a. Whether the self sealing performance of the fuel cells and the integrity of the cell plies, seams, and joints could satisfactorily conform to the requirements established by paragraph 4.3.2.2.3.6 of reference (b) when subjected to an attack with .30 caliber ball and .50 caliber armor piercing projectiles and fragments from a detonated 40mm HEP projectile.
- b. Whether the supporting structure for the fuel cells could satisfactorily resist excessive structural damage in accordance with the requirements established by paragraph D-12(b) of reference (c) as a result of the hydraulic surge of fuel incident to projectile and fragment impacts.

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5. PERIOD OF TEST:

a. Date of Project Letter 30 Oct 1952 b. Date Necessary Material Received 12 Dec 1952 c. Date Commenced Test 9 Jan 1953 d. Date Completed Test 9 Jan 1953

6. REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

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DETAILS OF TEST

7. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM UNDER TEST:

The subject test specimen incorporates that section of the helicopter fuselage which extends from station #84 to station #155. The shell enclosing the five (5) interconnected Goodyear self sealing fuel cells is constructed of 24 SO and 24 S aluminum alloy and is supported from within by metal stringers, channels, reinforcing strips, and bulkheads. Access to the fuel cells is through the cabin's metalite floorboard which forms the upper surface of the shell. Backing material is employed in the cavities to provide additional support for the fuel cells.

The following pertinent data appears on the nameplate of the fuel cells:

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Center Forward

Reorder by Part No. \$14-30-6260 Sikorsky Aircraft Model HRS-2 - Center Fwd. Date Mf'd. - Aug 1952 Construction No. FTL-11-6 Mf'd. by - Goodyear T & R Co. Serial No. - 28374 Wt. Empty - 21 lbs. Spec. MIL-T-5578A Tanks Type 1, Class A, Style 1 Contract NOA-8-51-650 Suitable for Aromatic Fuels

R. H. Forward

Reorder by Part No. \$14-30-6262 Sikorsky Aircraft

Model HRS-2 - R. H. Fwd.

Date Mf'd. - Aug 1952

Construction No. FTL-11-6

Mf'd. by - Goodyear T & T Co.

Serial No. - 28376

Wt. Empty - 15 lbs.

Spec. MIL-T-5578A Tanks

Type 1, Class A, Style 1

Contract NOA-S-51-650

Suitable for Aromatic Fuels

L. H. Forward

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R. H. Center

Reorder by Part No. \$14-30-6264

Sikorsky Aircraft

Model HRS-2 - R. H. Center

Date Mf'd. - Aug 1952

Construction No. FTL-11-6

Mf'd. by - Goodyear T & R Co.

Serial No. - 28387

Wt. Empty - 27 lbs.

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8. DESCRIPTION OF TEST EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment was employed in conducting this test:

a. .30 caliber, K-2, aircraft machine gun.

b. .50 caliber accuracy gun.

- c. .30 caliber, K-2, ball ammunition.
- d. .50 caliber, K-2, armor piercing ammunition.

e. Iso-octane fuel.

1. One (1) 40mm HEP projectile, K-2, assembled with tracer and kk 27 nose fuse modified for static detonation.

9. PROCEDURE:

As requested by reference (a), this test was conducted in general accordance with the requirements established by reference (b). The ambient temperature during the gunfire test was +40°F.

10. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

From a range of 75 feet, seven (7) .30 caliber ball and two (2) .50 caliber armor piercing projectiles were fired into the installation producing a total of twenty-three (23) wounds, one (1) of which was above the fuel level and was discounted. Twenty-one (21) of the twenty-two (22) qualifying wounds sealed satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements established by paragraph 4.3.2.2.3.6 of reference (b). The wound failing to exhibit a satisfactory sealing performance was leaking heavily at the end of the allotted two (2) minutes. The failure of the wound to seal was attributed to metal flowering into the wound.

As an additional phase of the test, the purpose of which was to obtain fragmentation data, one (1) 40mm HEP projectile was statically detonated 24 inches from the outside of the installation. Upon impact of the fragments the installation caught fire and suffered extensive damage before the fire fighting crews were able to extinguish the fire.

When the installation was disassembled for inspection, the damage was of such a severe nature that it was impossible to identify the total number of fragment wounds in the fucl cells, only three (3) wounds being positively attributed to the 40mm fragments.

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Figures 2 through 5, inclusive, are views showing the fuel cells at the conclusion of the gunfire test and fire.

The hydraulic surge of fuel incident to projectile impacts resulted in the following damage to the supporting and surrounding structure: The bottom skin was slightly torn and the cabin floor buckled over the L. H. forward cell. The damage inflicted would not in any way endanger the airworthiness or structural integrity of the helicopter.

Figures 6 and 7 are views showing the structural damage at the conclusion of the gunfire test and fire.

Tabulated results of the gunfire test are contained in Appendix (3).

PART D

CONCLUSIONS

11. It is concluded that:

- a. Twenty-one (21) of the twenty-two (22) qualifying wounds sealed satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements established by paragraph 4.3.2.2.3.6 of reference (b).
- b. The structural performance of the Model HRS-2 and -3 helicopter self scaling fuel cell installation satisfactorily conformed to the requirements established by paragraph D-12(b) of reference (c).

PART E

DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL

12. The material used in this test will be disposed of as directed by reference (a).

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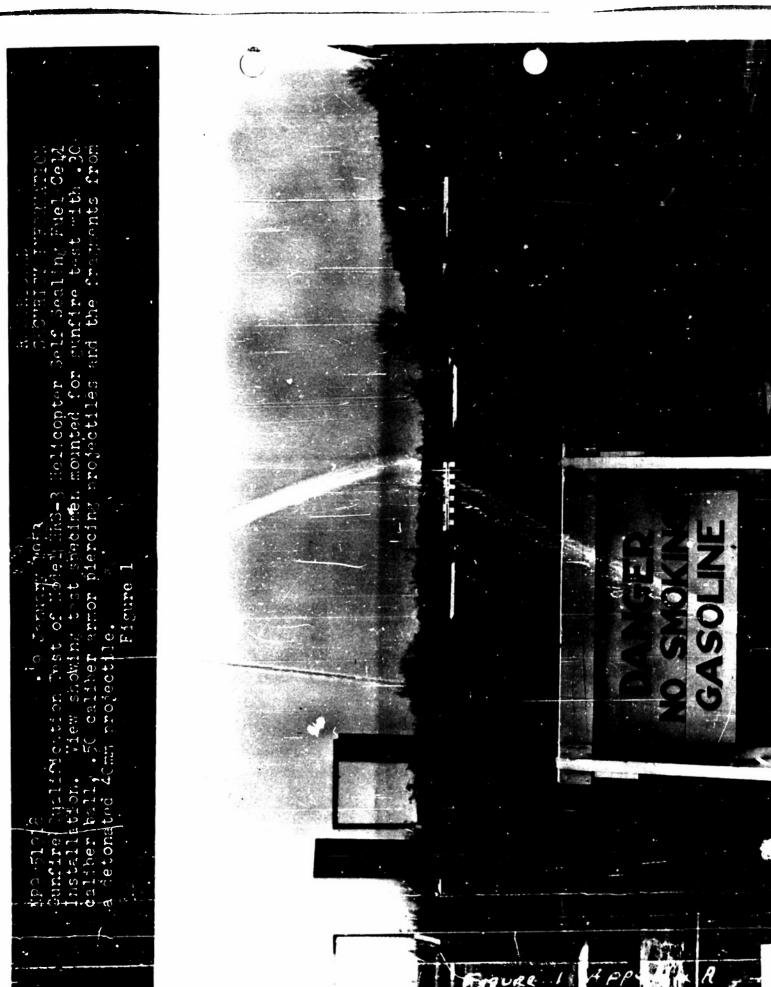
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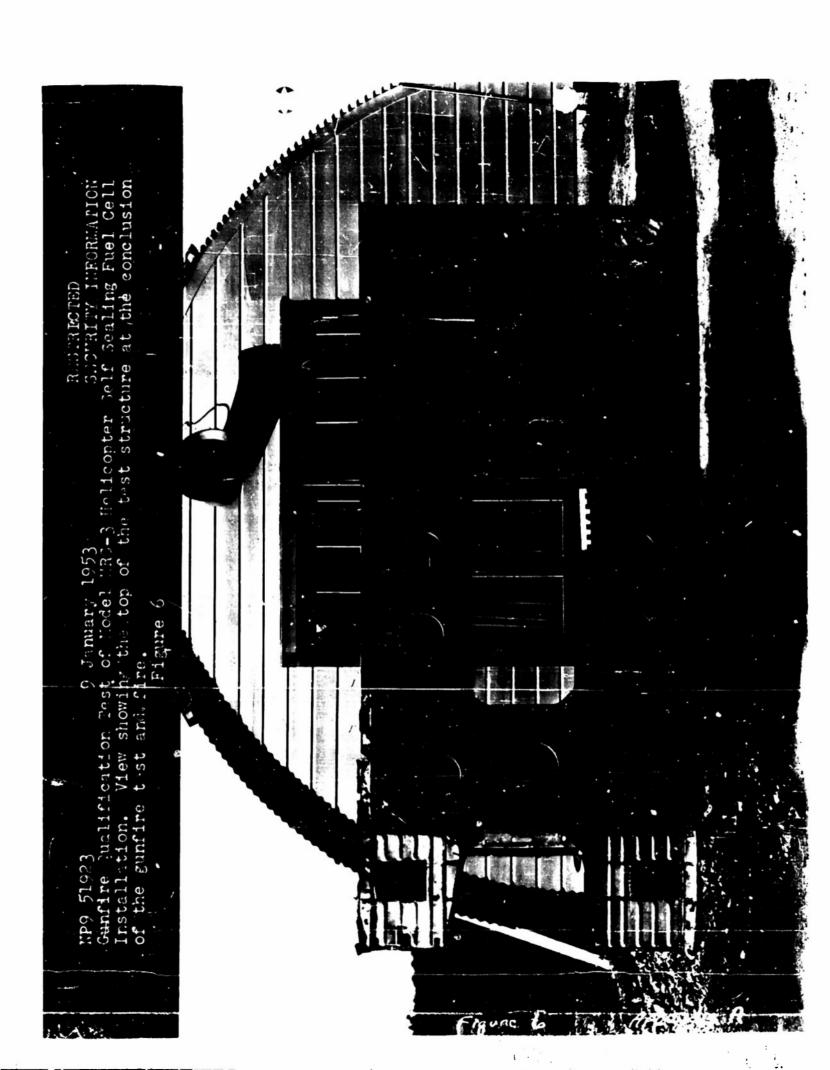
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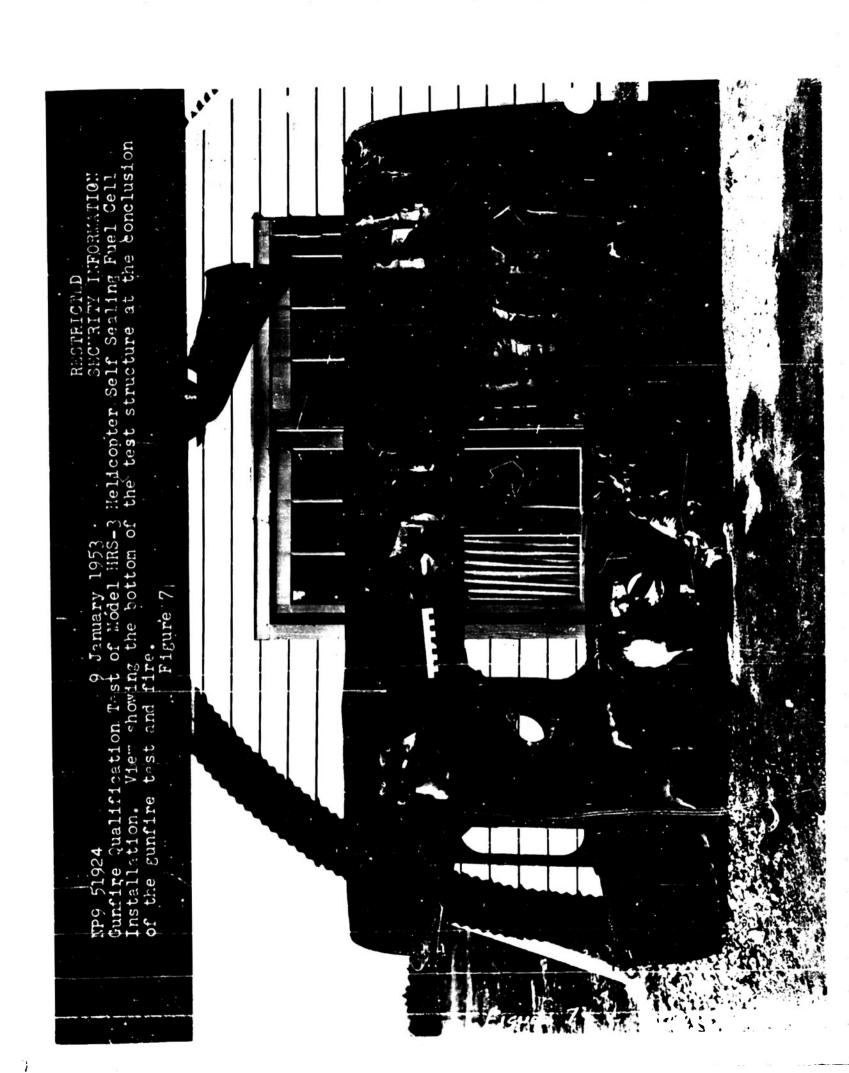


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TABULATED RESULTS OF GUNFIRE TEST

Preliminary Notes:

- i. In the following table, the number with "x" after them refer to the exit wounds made by the subject round.
 - 2. The following abbreviations are used:

SRH

Small round hole

LH

Leaking heavily

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